

MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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With the arrival of the Thanksgiving and Christmas shopping season, the Madison Police Department would like to point out a few safety tips to help keep you and your property safe during the holidays.

- When parking your vehicle while out shopping, at work, or even at home, discourage any would be thieves by locking your car doors.
- Do not leave valuables or gifts in your vehicle overnight. If out shopping, make an effort to conceal gifts or place them in the trunk.
- While out shopping, remain aware of the location of your cash or credit cards. Do not leave them unattended in your shopping cart or in your vehicle.
- While winterizing your home, make sure the windows are fully closed and locked.
- While away from home, make sure your front and back doors are locked and garage doors are closed.
- Avoid announcing on social media sites your travel habits or planned holiday trips. Announce your travel to those who need to know via e-mail.
- Consider purchasing an inexpensive light timer to place on a lamp while away. Having a light cycle on and off will give the impression someone is home.

If you notice suspicious activity, unknown vehicles or persons in your neighborhood or apartment complex, be proactive and report them to the police department immediately.

Madison Police 24hr. reporting number (256) 722-7190

For Emergencies dial 911
